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Check out the latest episode of our weekly K-State basketball Podcast at [kstatecollegian.com](http://kstatecollegian.com).

## Rape suspect arrested

By Frank Male  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Riley County officers arrested a rape suspect Monday afternoon, according to a Riley County Police report.

Wade Marlar, 19, of Manhattan, was arrested on suspicion of committing a rape on Oct. 11, 2008, said RCPD Lt. Kurt Moldrup.

Marlar is being held on \$25,000 bail.

### HOT TUB, TRAILER STOLEN

According to another RCPD report, a hot tub and trailer were stolen from Manhattan Leadership Academy at 4912 Skyway Drive sometime between Feb. 13 and Feb. 23.

Estimated losses totaled \$6,800. The owner of the hot tub is Dawn Hackerott, 38, of Manhattan.

## Coffee Hour bridges cultural gap

By Gloria Funcheon  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

International students can often find themselves struggling to explain the intricacies of their home culture to U.S. college students. To help bridge this gap, the International Student Center sponsors many different events throughout the school year.

About 50 people of different ages and ethnicities made their way to the International Student Center for coffee, cake and conversation about Norway on Friday for one of these events. Bente Janda, academic adviser in business administration, and Kristin Boe, junior in secondary education, who are both natives of Norway led the hour-long program titled Coffee Hour.

Their presentation began with a short video that focused on the country's outdoor activities. Fishing, boating and hiking are all popular pastimes. According to the video, which can be found at [www.norway.com](http://www.norway.com), Norway has one of the highest standards of living in the world as determined by a United Nations study.

The country has high taxes to ensure all Norwegians have access to better quality of life, Janda said. She also gave more details about the country's societal openness.

"Norway is very liberal," Janda said. "Even though it is very homogenous in some parts, Norway is very tolerant of people from all walks of life."

It is this cultural understanding that draws people to attend Coffee Hour.

Sarinya Sungkatavat, graduate student in business administration, said Coffee Hour was started in 2001 as a way to educate students on

## Lighting up the stage



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

As the 10th and final contestant of the evening, **Samantha Clemons**, senior in biological engineering, sings her original song, "Never Surrender," while playing her Fender guitar. Clemons won the contest and a \$300 prize.

## K-State Idol features musical talents

By Jenna Scavuzzo  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Between the illuminated stage's shimmering metallic streamers and the audience's exuberant cheers, K-State students showcased their vocal and entertainment talents Tuesday night during K-State's collegiate version of American Idol.

The Union Program Council sponsored its seventh annual K-State Idol Bandstand at 7:30 p.m. in Forum Hall. Ten students performed renditions of modern and classic songs or their own original pieces, vying to be recognized as "K-State's Most Talented Performer" by the bandstand's judges.

Samantha Clemons, senior in biological engineering, was the winner of the competition and received a \$300 prize. She sang a self-composed piece, "Never Surrender" and accompanied the lyrics by strumming her guitar as well.

"I felt shaky during my performance, so I wasn't really sure how I thought I did when I was done," Clemons said. "I just know I didn't expect to win – I was very surprised. I always mess up during talent shows, and I tried out for American Idol in Kansas City and didn't make it past the first round."

Clemons said she wrote the song shortly before the auditions about three weeks ago, soon after a friend called to tell her he had signed her up for the competition. She said the song is about a relationship she had wanted to give up on but had convinced herself not to.

The contestants were judged on stage presence, creativity, precision, content quality and overall effect. After each performance, the judges discussed its strengths and weaknesses with the vocalist.

Courtney Hauser, senior in psychology and mass communications, and co-chair of the UPC, said she thought Clemons was outstanding during both auditions and the competition.

"She was definitely deserving of winning," Hauser said. "It's always fun to see how much talent we have at K-State."

Hauser said this year's Mardi Gras-themed performance provided a more eclectic and crowd-pleasing variety of performances than in the past.

The UPC also awarded door prizes to audience members while the judges deliberated the winner, which contributed to Hauser's goal of generating a high attendance number and entertaining the audience members.

"This show was amazing. It really exceeded our expectations," she said. "There were lots of different genres of music. During auditions, we really looked for raw talent and performers to get the crowd involved, and we definitely achieved that goal. We're estimating that about 300 people came to the show, which is a great turn-out."

Hauser said she thought each vocalist's interaction with the crowd during the performances was the competition's strongest quality.

"The high energy between the performers and the crowd was huge," she said. "It put the performers at ease, and the crowd really gets into it. It's a lot of fun to watch."

The competition was an event for UPC's "Reality Week," which recreates current reality TV shows at K-State.

"As long as I have been here, this year's K-State Idol is the best collective performance I've seen yet," said Ben Hopper, UPC program adviser.

Some audience members said they were also impressed with the performance quality of the competition.

"I thought the show was awesome," said Sean Richards, junior in communication studies. "It was way better than I expected it would be."

## Marlatt undergoes renovations to become coed

By Elizaveta Zheganina  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Marlatt Hall, the only all-male residence hall on campus, is undergoing changes to become a coeducational residential space by the next academic year.

The Department of Housing and Dining Services decided to make Marlatt coed for various reasons, said Kipp Van Dyke, residence life coordinator of Marlatt.

"Part of it is the need for that type of housing," Van Dyke said. "The all-male housing was not being preferred as much as in the past."

The University Honors Program and Housing and Dining Services are planning to cooperate during the next year to provide a cluster housing opportunity for honors students. Marlatt

will become the only on-campus housing with an honors cluster floor, said Nick Lander, assistant director of Housing and Dining Services. He said this floor needs to be coeducational.

"Honors students are really excited about this cluster opportunity," he said, "and it will be a very exciting thing."

Marlatt has architecture and engineering cluster floors, which will most likely continue next year.

However, Housing and Dining Services "will work more to enhance what we do with those cluster [floors] to make them more similar to Goodnow's," Lander said.

Housing and Dining Services is conducting bathroom repairs in Marlatt to make the showers more private



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Marlatt Hall is undergoing repairs to make it suitable for coed residents. Many of these changes are taking place in the bathrooms.

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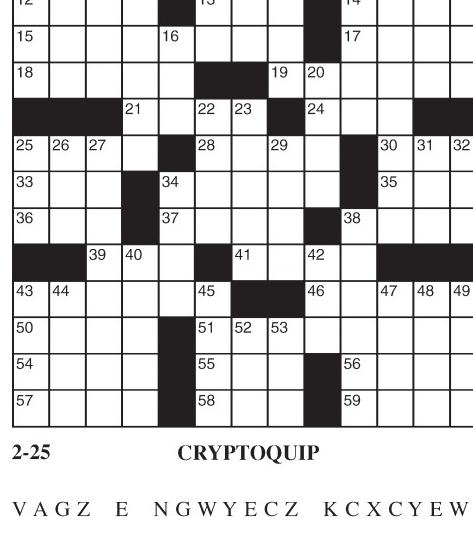
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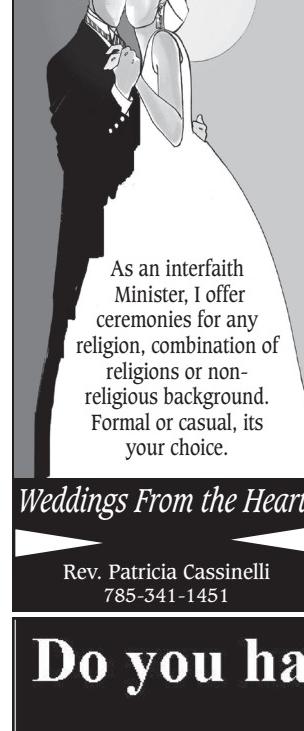


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**Nomination forms for the Anderson Awards for Outstanding Seniors may be picked up at the K-State Alumni Center or completed at [www.k-state.com/programs/awards](http://www.k-state.com/programs/awards).**

Anyone is free to nominate a senior who has shown outstanding leadership, service, academics or inspiration. The forms are due by 5 p.m. March 6 to the Alumni Center. For questions, call 785-532-6260.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Mark Harrison at 2:30

p.m. March 12 in Rathbone 3053. The thesis topic is "The Effects of Using Aliovalent Doping in Cerium Bromide Scintillation Crystals."

A \$500 scholarship for the fall semester for nontraditional students is being offered by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services in Holton 101 or [www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships](http://www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships) for more information.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of William Bryant at 10:30 a.m. March 25 in Ackert 324. The thesis topic is "Caspases and Caspase Regulators in Lepidoptera and Diptera."

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**WEIRD NEWS****MAN FINDS DRUNK BURGLARY SUSPECT ON HIS FLOOR**

OREM, Utah — Police have arrested a 27-year-old man in a home burglary after the resident reportedly found him drunk on the floor.

Police said a 24-year-old man came home from work Friday and found his back door open and his golf clubs on the ground. He searched his house and found various items moved and a stereo on the stairway.

The man also found another man on the floor, incapacitated and intoxicated.

The man was booked into the Utah County Jail on charges of intoxication and residential burglary.

**MAN TRIES TO STEAL LAPTOP TO CHECK FACEBOOK**

BRADENTON, Fla. — Sheriff's officers said a 19-year-old man snatched a Starbucks customer's laptop after being told he could not use it to check his Facebook account. Officers said the man then grabbed the customer's laptop and ran out of the coffee shop, located in an outlet mall.

Two people in the parking lot tackled the man and held him there until a mall security guard arrived. The victim got his laptop back, and the man was charged Saturday with robbery by sudden snatching — a felony.

[news.aol.com](http://news.aol.com)

**CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS**

There was an error in Tuesday's Collegian. Amy Schultz's hometown is Manhattan. The Collegian regrets the error.

If you see something that needs corrected or clarified, call news editor Ann Conrad at 785-532-6556 or e-mail [news@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:news@spub.ksu.edu).

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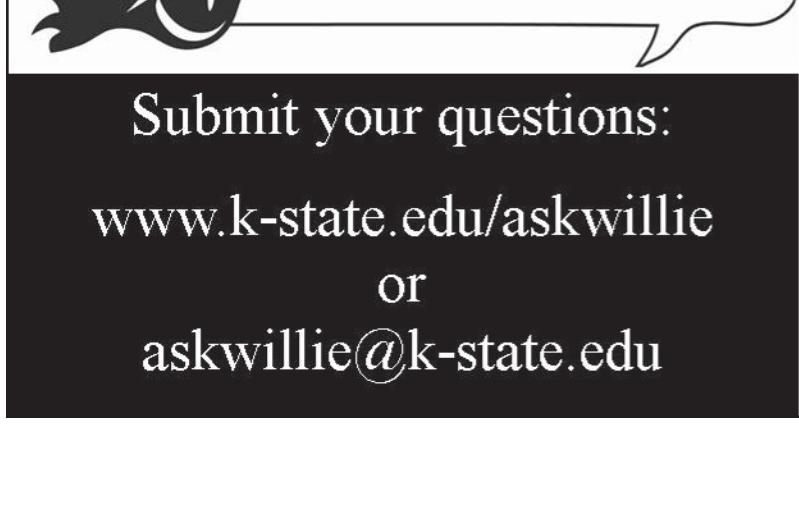


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## TO THE POINT

**TO THE POINT** is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

**Get out and vote**

This year has been a big year for young voters. According to the National Election Pool exit poll, President Barack Obama would not have been elected if not for young voters.

About 24 million 18-to 29-year-olds cast ballots – at least 2.2 million more than in 2004, according to the poll.

On a campus of more than 20,000 students, only about 2,600 students cast their votes in the primary Student Governing Association elections last year, according to a Collegian article published on Feb. 28, 2008.

Now that students can see the effect they can make by simply exercising their right to vote, we should exercise our right to vote on a smaller scale here on campus with the student government elections.

The decisions made by SGA affect students' everyday lives. This group of elected student officials will make some big decisions dealing with your money. They will decide on tuition increases, budget cuts and how your privilege fee money is spent. It is our responsibility as students to vote for the right candidate who will represent what's important to us.

It's not that hard. It's on the Internet. So, take two minutes while passing in the union or in the library and go to [sgaselections.k-state.edu](http://sgaselections.k-state.edu) or at [www.ksu.edu/osassga](http://www.ksu.edu/osassga) to cast your votes. You only have until 6 p.m. The results will be released at 7 p.m. tonight.

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# Bringing down the gavel

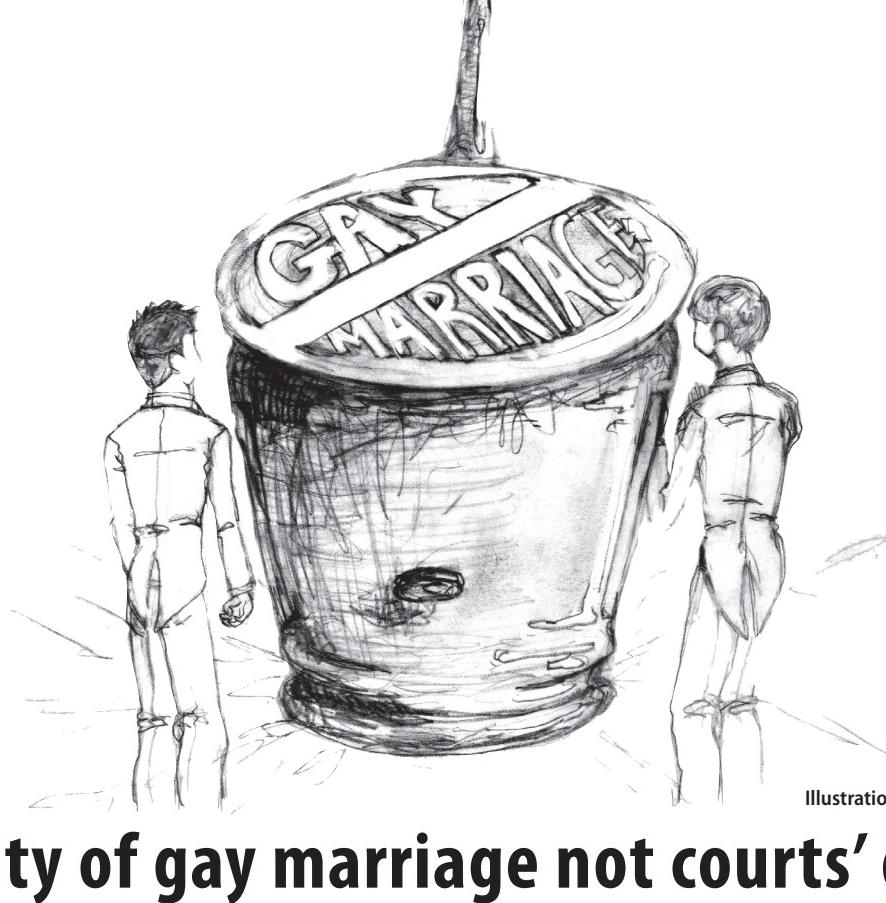


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## Morality of gay marriage not courts' decision



**JASON MILLER**

In the wake of the 81st Academy Awards, the Harvey Milk biopic, titled "Milk," seems to have reached beyond the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender community to be acknowledged as an important part of history. The recent passing of Proposition 8, a political move heavily financed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is an amendment to the constitution that banned gay marriage in California. The passing of this proposition has sparked national debate. Both Dustin Lance Black, who won the Best Screenplay Oscar for "Milk," and Sean Penn, who won Best Actor for the film, made reference to gay rights in their acceptance speeches, and Penn specifically asked for a repeal of Proposition 8.

The federal government has a responsibility to the gay and lesbian communities to set up and sign the allowance of gay marriage into law. First of all, I would like to make clear that my viewpoint is a legal one; too often this topic is obscured by religious and moral overtones, thus causing the true issue to become lost. The separation of church and state in the United States is clearly acknowledged in our government, but rarely followed. The Senate and House are predominantly made up of men and women of Christian-based religions, and therefore Christian-based mor-

als are brought with them to Washington, D.C. If church and state were truly separated, then this issue would have been resolved decades ago when it first became an issue of national attention.

If the state performs courthouse marriages, there should be no reason any two consenting adults cannot be wed. Presidential candidates repeatedly acknowledge the issue when in company of those affected, but ultimately say the issue is one to be resolved state by state. Currently, gay marriage is legal only in Massachusetts and Connecticut, while 30 states have gay marriage bans in their constitutions.

While many would believe that gay couples are on a crusade to demean the term "marriage," they are actually just looking for equal rights like their heterosexual counterparts. The phrase "man and woman" has been applied to marriage mostly with ties to procreation, but marriage is about much more than producing offspring. Married couples are bestowed with automatic inheritance rights. They enjoy the right to sue for loss of consortium if a third party injures their spouse, denying them services and companionship. Marriage rights afford spouses the right to be allowed hospital visitation or the right to make medical decisions for each other. Employers often offer medical coverage and benefits to spouses of employees. All these rights are withheld from same-sex couples because the government refuses to view their relationships as legally legitimate.

At this point, you might be thinking that these issues are addressed in a civil union, but actually, there are no federal protections included with a civil union. If a couple leaves the state their union was issued in and something happens in a state that does not recognize same-sex unions, then the two might as well be

strangers. The medical hospital and government will offer them absolutely no rights. St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City asked a state court to block John Langan from suing for a 2002 wrongful death and medical malpractice Tuesday, claiming that because he and Neal Conrad Spicehandler were a gay couple, their relationship could not be legally recognized. New York law allows only spouses and other relatives to sue. Langan and Spicehandler had been together for 15 years and were joined in a civil union in Vermont and had several legal documents reflecting this relationship.

According to Lambda Legal Defense, there are more than 1,400 legal rights conferred upon heterosexual married couples in the United States, ranging from financial, to health and personal advantages. Leaving these legitimate couples out in the cold because of religious overtones in our government is unacceptable.

Beyond the legality of the term "marriage" lies the true heart of this argument: human rights. The right to wed is an inalienable right and the ability for adults of any sex to marry will not infringe on any rights currently in place. The argument against same sex marriage cannot be acknowledged as a legitimate stance from a legal perspective. Personal opinion and religious beliefs are consistently brought forward to fill in where truth and constitutional rights prove the point in favor. As the youth of America, it is our responsibility to demand equal rights for all of our fellow citizens so that unequal treatment along any lines will be recognized as immoral and will be rectified.

**Jason Miller is a sophomore in print journalism. Please send comments to [opinion@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:opinion@spub.ksu.edu).**

## Rihanna needs, deserves privacy during recovery



**KELSEY HOPSON**

A photo released last week by TMZ depicted 21-year-old R&B singer Rihanna with painfully swollen eyes, cuts and bruises. According to Los Angeles Police Department reports, she and her boyfriend, 19-year-old R&B singer Chris Brown, began arguing as they left a pre-Grammy party Feb. 7. The argument turned into a physical fight, during which Rihanna sustained many injuries to her face and body, including a split lip, bloody nose, swelling, bruising and bite marks, according to the police report.

Brown was released on \$50,000 bail and has been charged with making criminal threats. However, the district attorney's office is still investigating the case. Brown released the following statement through his publicist Michael Sistrick: "Words cannot begin to express how sorry

and saddened I am over what transpired. I am seeking the counseling of my pastor, my mother and other loved ones, and I am committed, with God's help, to emerging a better person."

I have a hard time believing it, though. Brown says nothing remotely close to a heartfelt apology to Rihanna. I think he's battling with remorse over the consequences of his actions more than guilt and responsibility for what he has done.

The most appalling part of this entire ordeal is the media's refusal to respect Rihanna's privacy. She is a domestic violence victim. She deserves some common decency and respect in this matter and that includes privacy. Though she is a public figure, she is a victim of a crime and a human being who needs time and space to recover. She has already been hurt physically. Prying into her business is only going to cause her more emotional pain – pain that lasts longer than cuts and bruises.

What's especially surprising is that Brown claimed that during his childhood, his mother was physically abused by his stepfather, and the experience changed his attitude toward women. On an episode of "The Tyra Banks Show," he told the host, "I treat them differently because I don't want to go through the same thing. I don't want to put a woman through the same thing that person put my mom through." I want to

know what caused Brown to change his mind. Is he just a hypocrite or is there a reason behind his violent actions?

Coverage of a high-profile couple dealing with a domestic violence case should spark some debate about the issues of educating teenagers about the signs of abuse. Esta Soler, the founder and president of Family Violence Prevention Fund, said, "This incident has brought the issue into sharp focus. This type of education is not happening in any broad or consistent way. We need to take it to scale, to make sure it's happening in every community."

Instead of Rihanna getting more unwanted attention during this very emotionally trying time, I think more attention should be placed on the rise in domestic violence and understanding why women feel they cannot run away from an unhealthy relationship. Some women ignore the signs of abuse or blame themselves. I think education about domestic violence is vital to helping both young men and women understand the repercussions of abusive relationships and be able to detect signs of any unhealthy relationships.

**Kelsey Hopson is a junior in English and music. Please send comments to [opinion@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:opinion@spub.ksu.edu).**

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free speech.

**Sleeping?** You should be up making breakfast or something. There are these things called alarm clocks. You can hear them going down the street going woo woo!

**Sweet** rant, Adam.

**Since** it's not OK to throw water on the chalkings you don't like, I'm going to start throwing water on all the Bible verses around campus because they offend me.

**Tan Nissan Maxima** at McDonald's with the blonde driver: You look disgusting. Thanks for taking so long.

**If** he likes you, he'll make it happen.

**Fort Riley**, cut it out. I'm trying to sleep.

**Whoever** it was who stole my husband's coffee cup in Weber Hall on Monday, I just want to let you know: Thanks a lot; you're very sweet. Does your mother know you're a jerk?

**Attention** atheists and Christians: Judging people based on their life choices makes you a douchebag, so

knock it off.

**Rock on** Individuals for Freethought. I can believe in unicorns if I want to.

I need a girlfriend who will pluck my beer hairs.



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## THE EDGE

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## TO DRINKING AND BEYOND



Photos by Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Auntie Mae's employees and customers participate in the Superhero and Villain Party for Fat Tuesday, where patrons were invited to dress up as their favorite hero or villain.

## Fat Tuesday costume party in Aggierville brings heroes, villains out of the woodwork

By Katherine Wartell  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Fat Tuesday has come and gone and taken with it the discounted drink specials, excuses to drink in the middle of the week and the abundance of beads. But Tuesday night in Aggierville, the revelers were out and looking for a good time and a costume party brought many to Auntie Mae's.

The theme was "Superheroes and Villains" and among the crowd was Wonder Woman, Batman and Robin, the Joker, Duff Man and one lone Super-Absorbent, a man dressed in a cape of ShamWows. Also there was "Octomom," a fine arts student dressed as the now notorious Nadya Suleman, mother to 14 children.

Partygoers were also there to see Manhattan-based band The Mathematics perform: Duke Fame, lead vocalist and guitar player; Seven Black, bass player; and Kris Kleiner, drummer.

The band described its sound as a mixture of different genres.

"It's like punk 'n' roll," Fame said, adding, "Auntie Mae's is one of the most fun places to play."

Bargoers also seemed to enjoy the atmosphere at Auntie Mae's.

Kathleen Henderson, senior in theater, was dressed as Dr. Horrible and said she often returns to the bar because of its laid back atmosphere.

Adele Reiter, junior in secondary education and Wonder Woman for the night, is another fan of the bar and agreed when she said, "It's the only bar to go to."

Reiter said she liked the idea of dressing up as her favorite superhero.

"It's fun, and if you dress as a superhero, you feel powerful," she said.

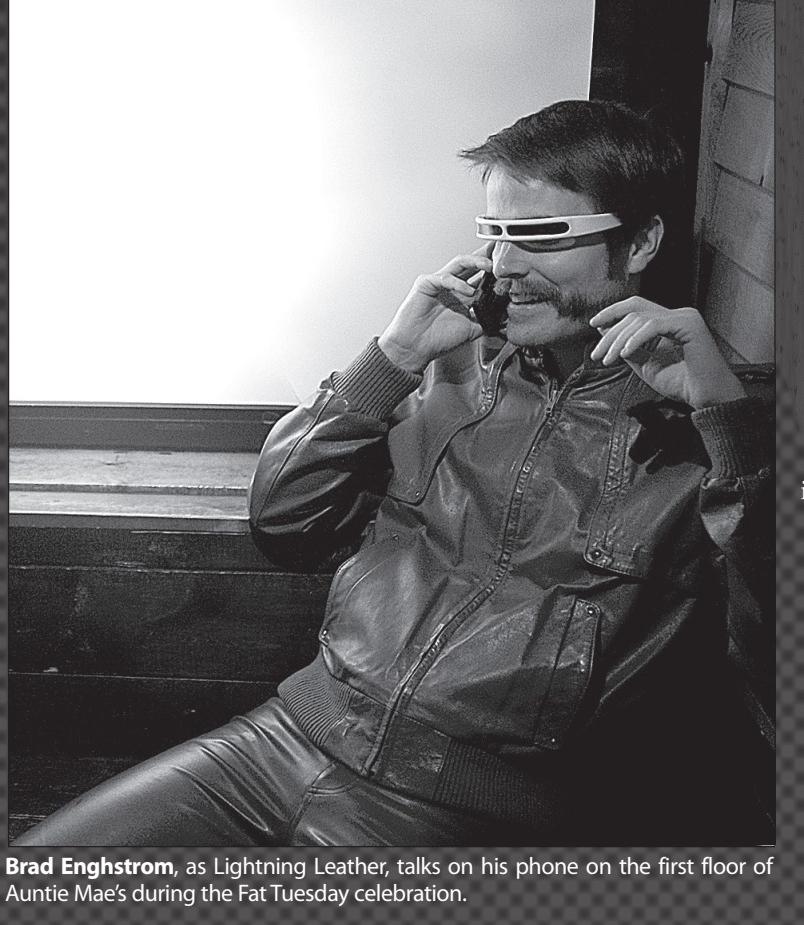
There were an equal share of superheroes and villains in costumes present, with the outfits ranging from simple masks to elaborate leotards and capes. Also present was a great deal of Spandex.

By the time The Mathematics took the stage, the bar had filled with people ready to mingle and watch the band play.

"If they are playing at Mae's, they have to be good," Henderson said.

The band, with songs like "Whiteterrorcapade" and "She's Looking Good," ended up performing an hour behind schedule, but that didn't seem to bother anyone – least of all Auntie Mae's proprietor, who wants only to go by Captain Chaos. For this year's Fat Tuesday, the promise of good music, a laid back atmosphere and the opportunity to wear fun costumes led many to Auntie Mae's.

"It's comfortable, and it has the best customers and character," Henderson said.



Brad Enghstrom, as Lightning Leather, talks on his phone on the first floor of Auntie Mae's during the Fat Tuesday celebration.

## Double EP showcases charming, minimalist side to solo artist



**Beirut**  
**"March of the Zapotec"**  
**"Realpeople Holland"**

★★★★★

Album review by Gloria Funcheon

Audiences were shocked to hear that Beirut's debut album, "Gulag Orkestar," which sounded like a full orchestra, was the product of solo artist Zach Condon. Since his debut in 2006, this Santa Fe, N.M., native has become an icon for pop music heavily influenced by East European folk and polka. In his most recent release, Condon has traded in his big, robust sound for a more minimalist introspective feel. Vocally, Condon sounds more shy and less expressive than previous works. It's not necessarily a detriment; instead, Condon is letting the instruments speak more than him.

His latest work, released Feb. 17, is a double EP of "March of the Zapotec" and "Realpeople Holland." At 15 and 20 minutes, respectively, this release doesn't have much content, but in this case, good things come in small packages.

"March of the Zapotec" begins like a band rehearsing for a parade, then quickly transforms into a classic folk-sounding march in "La Llorana." Lyrics are sparse and largely ambiguous on "Zapotec." Condon seems more concerned with creating a feel to the music rather than telling a coherent story. "On a Bayonet" feels deep and sad; the introduction of saxophones halfway through the song sounds like mourners attending a funeral. However, Condon ends "Zapotec" on a happy note with "The Shrew," an upbeat waltz.

In "Realpeople Holland," Condon experiments with electronic beats and a synthesizer to make 1980s-sounding riffs. The opener, "My Night with the Prostitute from Marseille," is charmingly repetitive and light. My only qualm with this song is the sinister background vocals that give the song a creepy feel.

"Venice" sounds very spatial in nature. Accordingly, his singing operates as part of the ambience rather than independent from it. The final song, "No Dice," does not include Condon's vocals, but it doesn't need to. This is the beauty of Beirut. Condon can transfer so much feeling in the instruments that vocals seem like a luxury rather than a necessity. "No Dice" has the most energy, but this isn't saying much. "Realpeople" won't make you get up and dance; it will, however, make you bop your head and hum its infectious tunes.

Despite its achievements, neither EP sounds complete. Condon doesn't seem to be trying to make an album; he is trying to find out who he is as a musician. If this release shows us anything, it's that Condon will find success in whatever path he chooses to pursue.

<p>A Penchant For Laffs Presents: "For the Birds"</p> <p>A humourous interchange.</p> <p></p>	<p>My dear sir! What an odd contraption you have there!</p> <p>It's called a "Bi"- Cycle! I purchased it from two young men in Chicago!</p> <p></p>	<p>The same young men are also attempting to invent a "flying" machine that would allow man to take to the sky like finches and "barn" sparrows!</p> <p>Preposterous!</p> <p></p>	<p>They would be better off spending their time teaching a pack mule to study "star" constellations!</p> <p>The world's first "ass"-tronomer!</p> <p>Well played!</p> <p></p>
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## Cats need to win away from home

JUSTIN  
NUTTER

To say the K-State men's basketball team has caught the conference by surprise this season would be an understatement.

Flashback to Jan. 21. The Wildcats, picked to finish eighth in the Big 12 Conference in the preseason coaches poll, were just handed an 83-65 home loss to Baylor. The loss dropped K-State to 0-4 in conference play and, after a disappointing non-conference showing, left the Wildcats with zero marquee wins.

If you'd have told me then K-State would be in the middle of the NCAA Tournament race as the month of February came to a close, I would have said you were out of your mind.

Fast forward exactly one month. Since going winless in their first four attempts, the Wildcats have won eight of their last nine contests and have posted a sparkling 7-1 mark in conference play – including a perfect 4-0 clip in games away from Bramlage Coliseum.

Unfortunately, if they plan on making a second straight trip to the Big Dance, they still have plenty of work to do. The depleted state of the conference, coupled with K-State's early-season meltdown, caused the Wildcats to plummet in the RPI rankings. It's no secret they have made significant progress, but there's still plenty of ground to be covered.

With four games left – two at home and two on the road – K-State's remaining away games are unfavorable, to say the least. The Wildcats take on No. 11 Missouri tonight in Columbia, Mo. Sure, K-State embarrassed the Tigers last month, handing them an 88-72 loss in Manhattan, but Missouri is arguably the hottest team in the conference right now.

The Tigers haven't lost since their last meeting with the Wildcats, and they've won in impressive fashion. In their current six-game winning streak, the Tigers have beaten opponents by an average of 12.2 points – including wins over Texas and Kansas.

Long story short: the team K-State faces tonight is one of the toughest it's seen all season. The Wildcats have fared well in Mizzou Arena lately, winning three of their last four, but they will need to be virtually flawless in every aspect of the game to escape with a win this time around. Not to sound pessimistic, but it will probably take another explosion similar to Denis Clemente's showing at Texas to pull off the upset.

K-State has the numbers working in its favor against Missouri, but that won't be the case at all when the Wildcats head to Stillwater, Okla. to take on Oklahoma State on March 3.

Since the 1988-89 campaign, K-State is a dismal 1-12 in Gallagher-Iba Arena. Since Dana Altman's squad earned a 75-62 overtime win in 1993, the Wildcats have dropped nine straight in Stillwater. If K-State can't get a win tonight at Missouri, beating the Cowboys will be imperative.

Frank Martin has shown the conference his team has the capability to battle away from its home floor, and that's a trend that must continue. The Wildcats only have a few chances left to show the selection committee they belong in the 64-team bracket this March, and they can't afford to let any of those chances get away.

**Justin Nutter is a junior in mass communications. Please send comments to sports@spub.ksu.edu.**

## Don't look back



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Forward **Dominique Sutton** grabs a rebound against Missouri on Jan. 28. Sutton had eight rebounds in the game and helped the Wildcats to a 88-72 win.

## Wildcats focus on grabbing 5th straight road win

**Brad Dornes**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After winning their fourth consecutive road game in the Big 12 Conference for the first time since 1979, the K-State men's basketball team will try for its fifth tonight as the team travels to play the No. 11 Missouri Tigers.

K-State (19-8, 7-5 Big 12 Conference) is coming off a 50-46 victory over the Iowa State Cyclones in Ames, Iowa on Saturday. The win was K-State's seventh in a row over the Cyclones.

The Wildcats trailed by as many as 10 points in the first half, until two bench players – Buchi Awaji and Jamar Samuels – stepped up and made plays for the Wildcats.

Awaji hit a 3-pointer with three seconds remaining in the first half to pull K-State within five points of the Cyclones. He would finish with seven points.

Samuels was solid throughout the game for K-State. He notched his first career double-double with a team-high 13 points and a career-high 10 rebounds.

K-State trailed for most of the game until a Denis Clemente 3-pointer gave the Wildcats the lead with 8:37 left in the second half. The Wildcats would never look back from that point on.

Missouri (23-4, 10-2 Big 12) comes into Wednesday's game on a six-game winning streak and are 16-0 this season at home. The Tigers have won

games over Texas, Nebraska and KU during this stretch. Their last loss was to the Wildcats 88-72 on Jan. 28 in Bramlage Coliseum.

"We played real well, we defended well and made every shot against them," head coach Frank Martin said. "They're real good. They are so unselfish, they play so hard, those are two things that I try to preach to our team."

The Tigers are led by senior forward DeMarre Carroll, who leads the team with 17 points per game and with 6.9 rebounds per game. Senior forward Leo Lyons also averages double-digit points for Missouri at 14.3 points per game.

Missouri comes into the game tonight with the second-highest scoring offense in the conference, at 82.2 points per game. As a team, the Tigers lead the Big 12 with 19.15 assists per game and with 10.78 steals per game.

"They like to press a lot so we're expecting them to be fired up and ready to go," senior forward Darren Kent said. "We need to match their energy."

Tipoff is scheduled for 8:05 p.m.



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## Team seeks February's 1st road-game victory against Cornhuskers

**Britton Drown**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Despite the connotations February often has, the month has rarely been a loving month for the Wildcats. In fact, K-State has historically posted its lowest winning percentage of any month throughout the month of February.

Heading into the second month of 2009, head coach Deb Patterson's team had posted a 20-2 record and gained a reputation as a group of road warriors. The Wildcats accumulated an impressive 9-2 record in road games, including consecutive wins at Texas Tech and Kansas.

Yet the No. 20 Wildcats have suffered an all-too-familiar slump throughout February.

After suffering two of their four losses throughout the entire season, the women will look to steal their first road win of the month Wednesday as they travel to Lincoln, Neb., to face the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Patterson's team has suffered three consecutive road losses dating back to its 60-50 loss at Iowa State on Jan. 31.

"We haven't won a road game in three

games," Patterson said. "That is the big challenge, and that is where this basketball team has to turn a corner."

The Wildcats have played without the assistance of senior point guard and Wooden Award candidate Shalee Lehning for the previous three games, and, in that time, K-State went 2-1 with one road loss.

Lehning continues to be on a day-to-day basis as she is suffering from a mononucleosis infection.

"I don't know that we are playing without her," said senior guard Kelsey Nelson. "We are making adjustments and we are ready for her to come back. We just have to keep making adjustments."

In their last meeting against the Cornhuskers, the Wildcats struggled early offensively, shooting 33 percent from the field and trailed at halftime 23-21.

However, second-half adjustments and a great bench performance in the second half by sophomore guard Shalin Spani propelled the Wildcats past Nebraska.

"Nebraska is a very dangerous team, and we know that going in," said junior guard Kari Kincaid.

"They have multiple threats outside

and inside and we are going to have to play our very best basketball to beat them."

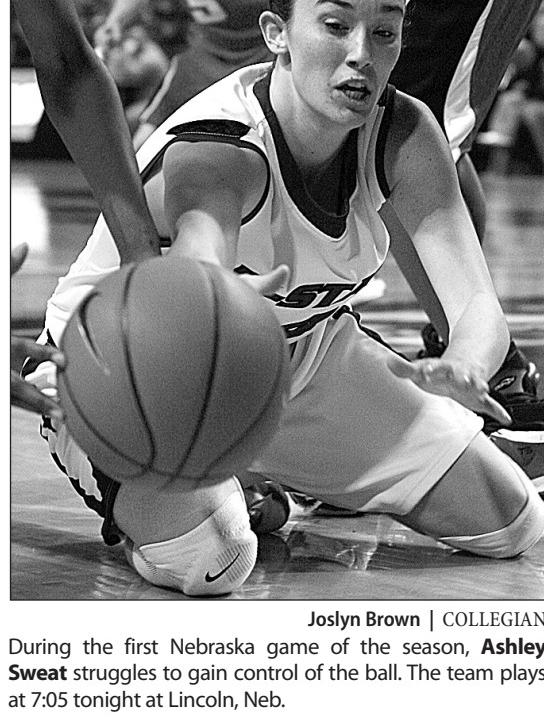
Nebraska forward Cory Montgomery led the Cornhuskers with a game-high 21 points in their previous meeting. She shot 50 percent from the field and anchored the Cornhuskers' offensive attack.

"[Nebraska] is just rock-solid fundamental," Patterson said. "They put [Montgomery] in position to play off of those quick guards. Cory is just playing tremendous basketball."

The Wildcats will head to Lincoln looking to remain in sole possession of fourth place in the Big 12 Conference standings after a pivotal two-game home stand against Texas A&M and Texas before closing the regular season at Colorado.

However, Patterson insisted that the Wildcats must remain focused on securing a road win Wednesday in Lincoln to stay competitive in the standings as the season draws to a close.

"If you want to stay in the hunt, this is a must-win," Patterson said. "It's go time right now. Every game is significant in the standings. There is no game that doesn't have a major impact where you finish down the stretch in this league."



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## COFFEE | Students share experiences of other countries

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different countries and cultures. Sungkatavat, who has been coordinating the program since fall 2008, said the International Student's Center features five presenters from five different parts of the world each semester.

"We try to diversify as much as possible," Sungkatavat said, "so we try and have presentations be about different continents."

Mustafa Amiryar, graduate student in electrical engineering and native of Afghanistan, said he knows the value of understanding other cultures.

"Culture is the most important thing," Amiryar said. "It can teach you so much about someone."

Corey Herzfeld, senior in advertising, attended Coffee Hour for the first time Friday, and said he sees it as a great way to learn about others.

After studying abroad in Germany last year, Herzfeld said he recognizes the importance of learning about other cultures and plans to attend another session.

Mayra Rivarola, junior in journalism, said she thinks Coffee Hour is also a good introduction to a country before visiting.

"I think it's a great way to build interest in traveling abroad," she said. "The food is pretty good, too."

Rodney Landis, junior in business and international studies, said he started coming to Coffee Hour because of the unique insight into culture and history that it offers. He also said it provides a great opportunity to meet others.

Coffee Hour is free and open to the public at the International Student Center. The next Coffee Hour presentation will be about Iran and is from 4 to 5 p.m. March 6.

Landis said the International Coordinating Council plans to sponsor International Championships April 13-19. This week-long program includes competition in sporting events like soccer, basketball and volleyball. Group registration for participation ends March 24, Landis said.

Organizers agreed events like these help bridge the cultural divide at K-State.

"People are so different," said Sungkatavat, "understanding one another is the only way to achieve any peace."

## MARLATT | Transformed residence hall to feature coed staff

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and suitable for females to use, Van Dyke said.

Coed staff members have been hired to work at Marlatt for the next academic year with six female resident assistants for the entire building. Housing and Dining Services is still conducting interviews for the assistant residence life coordinator position.

Kari Phelan, junior in business management, has been offered a position as a resident assistant in Marlatt next year.

"I think that it is really exciting to be part of all the changes that are going on," Phelan said.

Phelan has been hired to work on the honors cluster floor. She said she is looking forward to being able "to set out a new tone for the building."

"[This is] a unique opportunity to work with a group of students who have something in common and create an academic environment for them," Phelan said.

Housing and Dining Services plans to house about 180 female residents in Marlatt, Van Dyke said. The building has seven floors, each with three wings. One wing on

each floor is planned to house women next year.

While most wings are regular residence hall housing, four offer suite-style living. These wings are to be coeducational next year, Van Dyke said.

The new female residents will partially come from renewed contracts since Marlatt was available for the residence hall RSVP process as a coed residence hall. A large majority, however, will be first-year students, Van Dyke said.

Some incoming freshmen have already preferred Marlatt as their first housing choice, Lander said. As of two weeks ago, 25 women had identified Marlatt as their first choice.

Preston Smith, sophomore in economics and political science and current Marlatt resident, said he was happy with the change.

"It is going to be a different experience, and overall it is going to make everything better over here," Smith said.

Phelan said the change will benefit Marlatt.

"I think it will be a really good thing for the building," Phelan said. "It will change the dynamics a lot."

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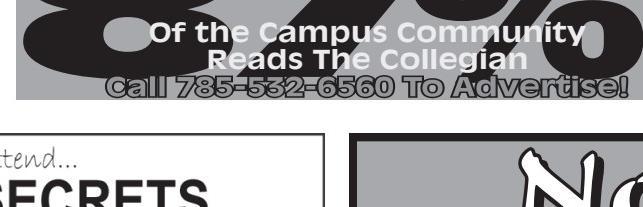
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